GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1113
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
SUBSIDY FOR BIO-GAS PLANTS
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to enhance subsidy to promote the bio-gas plants in the country as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 8.11.2004;

(b) if so, the criteria being adopted and the percentage of subsidy being provided at present;

(c) whether the additional concession has been enhanced for the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): The Central Subsidy for family type biogas plants has been increased during the financial year 2004-05 for a few categories of beneficiaries mainly to accommodate the increase in cost of construction of biogas plants. The present rates of subsidy for family type biogas plants alongwith the corresponding percentage with respect to the prevailing estimated cost are given in the Annexure. The enhancement also covers Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries, besides others.

Annexure
Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1113 for 7.12. 2004 regarding Subsidy for Bio-gas plants.

Central Subsidy for family type biogas plants

Category	Estimated Cost of a 2 cu.m. plant	Rate of subsidy per plant
North Eastern Region States and Sikkim (except plain areas of Assam)	Rs.13,000	Rs,11,700 (90% of the estimated cost)
Plain areas of Assam	Rs.10,000	Rs.9,000 (90% of the estimated cost)
Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal (excluding Terai region), Nilgiris of Tamil Nadu; Sadar Kursoong and Kalimkpong sub-divisions of the Darjeeling district (WB), Sunderbans, Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Rs.11,500	Rs.4,500 (approx. 40% of the estimated cost)
Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Desert districts, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers, Terai region of Uttaranchal, Western Ghats and other notified hilly areas.	Rs 9,000	Rs.3,5000 (approx. 40% of the estimated cost)

All Others	Rs.9,000	Rs. 2,700 (30% of the estimated cost)